

REPORT

OF THE VARIOUS

BOARDS OF TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF MENDON,

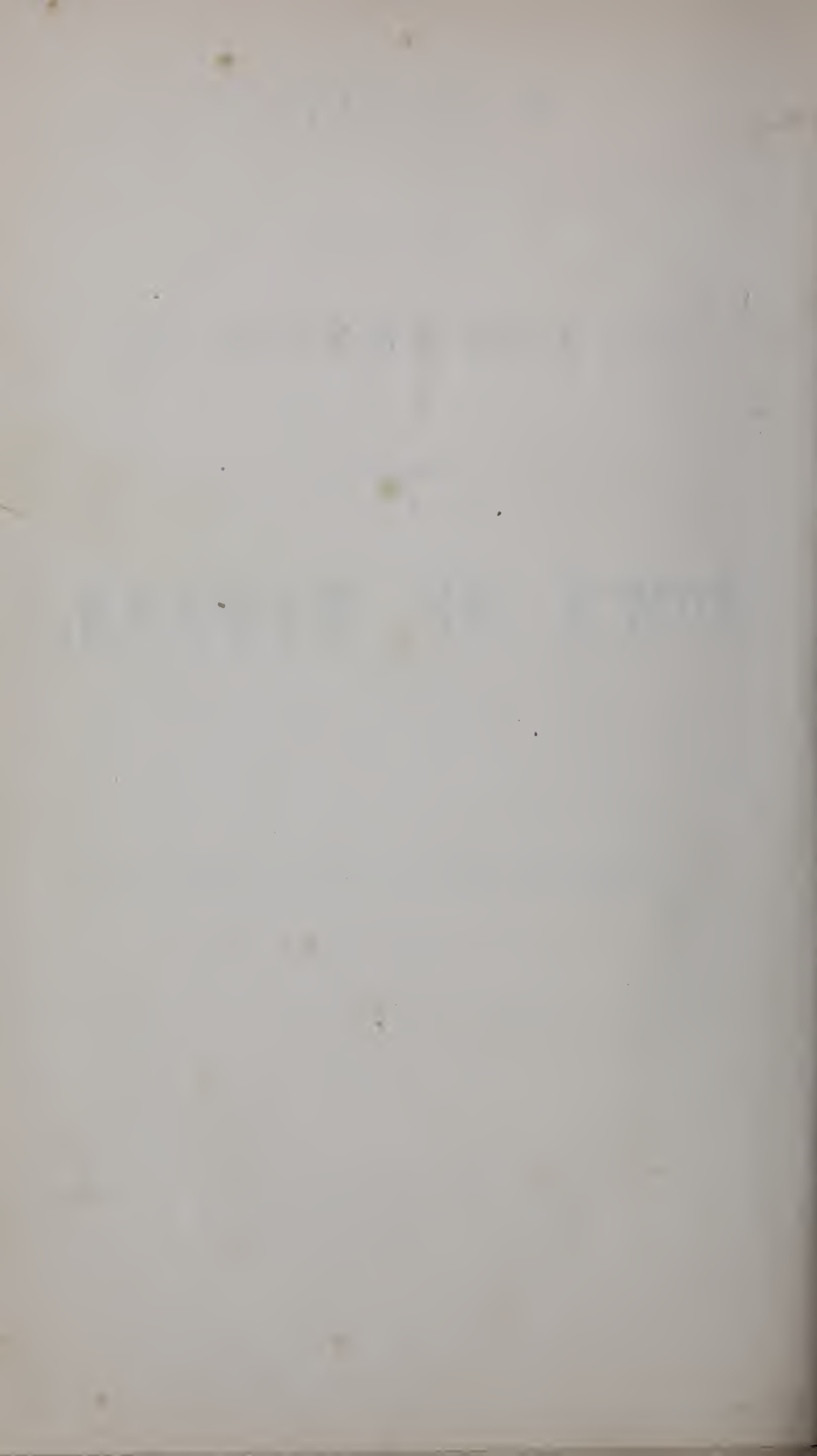
FOR THE

Municipal Year Ending March 6, 1882.

MILFORD, MASS.

COOK AND SONS, STEAM JOB PRINTERS,

1882.



Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer, for the municipal year now brought to a close, respectfully submits the following report of his doings for the consideration of the town.

The Treasurer *debts* himself with the following items:—

1.	To assets in hand March 9, 1881, viz.:		
	Deposit in Milford National Bank.....	\$545	25
	“ Home National Bank.....	1,635	13
	Due from A. W. Judson, Collector, 1879.....	60	87
	Cash on hand.....	169	11
		<hr/>	
			\$2,410 36
2.	To amount borrowed on notes, viz.:		
	Of B. F. Aldrich on demand.....	\$150	00
	W. H. Aldrich on demand.....	500	00
		<hr/>	
			650 00
3.	Amount borrowed on bonds, viz.:		
	Of Julius A. George, No. 99.....	\$2,000	00
	Ann Quigley, No. 100.....	500	00
		<hr/>	
			2,500 00
4.	Interest received from Milford Savings Bank.....		16 54
5.	Amount received of L. Freeman, Collector, viz.:		
	1881. March 8 for 1880.....	\$155	00
	July 28 for 1881.....	96	55
	Aug. 10 “.....	340	00
	Sept. 3 “.....	800	00
	Sept. 10 “.....	1,500	00
	Sept. 17 “.....	741	00
	Sept. 26 “.....	220	00
	Oct. 13 “.....	545	00
	Oct. 22 “.....	190	00
	Oct. 22 for 1880.....	49	01

5.	1881.	Oct. 28 for 1881.....	\$150 00	
		Nov. 8 "	175 00	
		Nov. 22 "	205 00	
		Dec. 5 "	250 00	
		Dec. 8 "	120 00	
		Dec. 15 "	100 00	
		Dec. 24 "	170 00	
	1882.	Jan. 7 "	235 00	
		Jan. 11 "	175 00	
		Jan. 20 "	225 00	
		Feb. 9 "	270 00	
		Feb. 11 "	120 00	
		Feb. 16 "	100 00	
		Feb. 18 "	18 00	
				<hr/>
				\$6,949 56
6.	To cash, miscellaneous sources, viz.:			
	E. P. Gaskill, Highway Surveyor.....			3 16
	Town of Hopkinton, support of pauper.....			131 69
	G. B. Williams, Town vs. Whiting.....			103 97
	Dwight Russell, rent of Mendon Pond.....			50 00
	S. W. Cook, auctioneer's license.....			2 00
	Albert Gardner, plank.....			2 00
	G. B. Williams, library catalogues sold.....			16 00
	Town of Hopkinton, support of pauper.....			61 00
	County Treasurer, dividend dog tax.....			107 95
	State Treasurer, bank tax.....		\$451 51	
	Corporation tax.....		153 53	
	State aid.....		120 18	
	Relief indigent soldiers.....		144 00	
	Temporary aid to do..		4 00	
				<hr/>
				873 22
	Div. Mass. School Fund.....			219 93
	G. F. Clark, library catalogues sold.....			5 09
	Error of Selectmen in an order.....			3
	Nails sold A. W. Gaskill.....			1 63
	Error of Selectmen in an order.....			64
				<hr/>
Amount.....				\$14,104 77

The Treasurer *credits* himself by

1.	The redemption of bonds, viz.:			
	By cash paid	Julius A. George, No. 86	\$2,000 00	
		Ann Quigley, No. 75....	500 00	
		S. Dudley, Jr., No. 84..	300 00	
		D. W. Bennett, No. 89..	100 00	
			<hr/>	\$2,900 00

2. The payment of notes, viz.:

By cash paid B. F. Aldrich.....	\$150 00	
Sarah Wheelock.....	68 72	
Wm. H. Aldrich.....	500 00	
M. B. Payson.....	374 31	
	<hr/>	\$1,093 03

3. The payment of interest on bonds and notes, viz.:

By cash paid Mary B. Payson, int....	\$18 71	
Julius A. George, No. 86	100 00	
Sarah Metcalf, No. 94...	15 00	
D. O. Aldrich, No. 87...	25 00	
Ann Quigley, No. 75....	25 00	
John S. Gaskill, No. 96..	50 00	
S. Dudley, Jr., No. 84..	15 00	
D. W. Bennett, No. 89..	5 00	
Julius A. George, No. 97	50 00	
J. G. Metcalf, int.....	25 00	
Austin Wood, int.....	12 50	
Austin Wood, No. 83....	25 00	
B. F. Aldrich, int.....	1 68	
L. Forbush, No. 91, 1880	50 00	
L. Forbush, No. 91, 1881	50 00	
N. R. George, int.....	67 50	
Sarah Wheelock, int.....	5 95	
Sarah Moffatt, No. 90...	15 00	
W. H. Aldrich, int.....	14 38	
M. B. Payson, int.....	16 21	
A. C. Thompson, No. 92.	30 00	
A. C. Thompson, int....	3 50	
	<hr/>	620 43

4. By abatement of the Assessors, viz.:

On tax of Sarah Wallace.....	\$2 10	
H. H. Parkhurst.....	2 00	
Myrtie Williams.....	1 50	
Maria L. Bills.....	1 50	
Stephen Arnold.....	1 00	
Elias A. Weatherhead.....	1 61	
Fayette S. Phettyplace.....	1 61	
Thomas Curley.....	1 61	
Norman P. Richardson.....	1 61	
Theodore L. Cook.....	1 61	
Michael Cunningham.....	61	
Patrick McCaffey.....	1 61	
William S. Kinsley.....	68	
Cert. of Assessors.....	70 04	
	<hr/>	

89 09

5. By miscellaneous payments, viz.:		
Payment of State tax.....	\$555 00	
County tax.....	449 00	
		<hr/>
		\$1,004 00
6. By paying 198 Town orders.....		5,792 36
		<hr/>
Amount.....		\$11,498 91
By deposit in Milford National Bank.....		881 00
Home National Bank.....		1723 55
Cash in hand.....		1 31
		<hr/>
Amount.....		\$14,104 77

BONDS OUTSTANDING MARCH 7, 1881.

Ann Quigley.....	\$500 00
Austin Wood.....	700 00
J. A. George.....	2,000 00
Silas Dudley, Jr.....	300 00
D. W. Bennett.....	100 00
D. O. Aldrich.....	500 00
Z. G. Wood.....	500 00
J. S. Gaskill.....	1,000 00
Sarah Moffett.....	300 00
Lovina Forbush.....	1,000 00
A. C. Thompson.....	600 00
Sarah Metcalf.....	300 00
J. A. George.....	1,000 00
	<hr/>
Amount	\$8,800 00

BONDS OUTSTANDING MARCH 6, 1882.

Ann Quigley.....	\$500 00
Austin Wood.....	700 00
J. A. George.....	2,000 00
D. O. Aldrich.....	500 00
Z. G. Wood.....	500 00
J. S. Gaskill.....	1,000 00
S. Moffett.....	300 00
Lovina Forbush.....	1,000 00
A. C. Thompson.....	600 00
Sarah Metcalf.....	300 00
J. A. George.....	1,000 00
	<hr/>
	\$8,400 00

NOTES OUTSTANDING MARCH 7, 1881.

Mary B. Payson.....	\$374 31
A. C. Thompson.....	70 00
N. R. George.....	1,500 00
J. G. Metcalf.....	300 00
J. G. Metcalf.....	200 00
Austin Wood.....	250 00
Sarah Wheelock.....	68 72
Julius A. George.....	800 00
Amount.....	<hr/> \$3,563 03

NOTES OUTSTANDING MARCH 6, 1882.

A. C. Thompson.....	\$70 00
N. R. George.....	1,500 00
J. G. Metcalf.....	300 00
J. G. Metcalf.....	200 00
Austin Wood.....	250 00
J. A. George.....	800 00
Amount.....	<hr/> \$3,120 00

RECAPITULATION.

Bonds outstanding March 7, 1881.....	\$8,800 00
“ “ “ 6, 1882.....	8,400 00
Notes outstanding March 7, 1881.....	3,563 03
“ “ “ 6, 1882.....	3,120 00

From the above it will be seen that the bonds and notes have been reduced by the sum of \$843 03.

The money borrowed in the early part of the year, in anticipation of the collection of taxes, (\$650 00) has been repaid.

All of which is respectfully submitted for the consideration of the town.

JOHN G. METCALF, Treasurer.

Mendon, February 23, 1882.

Selectmen's Report.

The Selectmen submit the following report of the expenditures of the town for the municipal year ending March 6, 1882 :

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Abner A. Cook, damage received on highway.....	\$3 00
Nancy M. Cummings, poll tax repaid by vote of town.	2 00
Orson R. Wheelock, balance due for care and repairs of town hall.....	24 71
Silas Dudley, for $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of land bought for public school No. 2.....	200 00
A. W. Gaskill, for road scraper.....	75 00
F. E. Cook, labor on fence, school house lot No. 2....	9 40
Samuel H. Taft, treas. for Taft Public Library.....	200 00
Bartlett & Ellis, nails for fencing school house lot, &c.	4 10
Gilbert Gaskill, building wall on " ".....	7 75
Field Bros., material for fence for school house lot....	59 03
R. C. Hussey, " ".....	12 55
L. P. Cummings, labor on fence " ".....	14 55
A. W. Gaskill, " ".....	32 05
T. E. Morse, paint for fence " ".....	1 28
T. E. Morse, painting Record Building.....	21 61
A. S. Tuttle, lantern for " ".....	3 00
J. W. Harris, lamp for Record Room.....	3 00
Leander Holbrook, agent, for insurance policy for Record Building, &c.....	40 00
J. Pickering, fitting and carrying in fuel.....	1 05
A. W. Judson, returning 24 deaths.....	6 00
A. W. Judson, repairs on town hall.....	2 15
A. W. Judson, labor on fence for school house lot No. 2	9 68
A. W. Judson, lock for tomb.....	60
A. W. Judson, balance for care of town hall 1880.....	6 00
E. P. Gaskill's estate, expense to Foxboro about D. Inman.....	3 75

J. J. Nutter, new wood house for public school No. 1..	\$45 37
David Adams, cash paid for sundries.....	3 49
David Adams, cash paid for school books.....	11 11
David Adams, for culvert, paid by vote of town.....	5 00
David Adams, for storing extinguisher.....	12 00
David Adams, for services as town clerk.....	17 45
John Barry, sundry repairs and supplies	6 52
	<hr/>
	\$843 20

PRINTING.

Cook & Sons, catalogues for Taft Public Library.....	\$36 00
Geo. W. Stacy, reports and collector's notices.....	61 50
Cook & Sons, check list.....	8 00
	<hr/>
	\$105 50

REPAIRS OF SCHOOL HOUSES AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Jas. J. Nutter, supplies for public school No. 1.....	\$3 78
M. U. George, repairs " No. 2.....	1 40
A. W. Judson, " "	3 40
S. Jones, supplies " "	3 55
R. A. Bates, supplies " No. 4.....	1 95
Perry Wood, repairs " No. 5.....	83 47
A. S. Tuttle, 3 chairs " "	1 95
R. C. Eldredge, clock and ink " "	2 00
M. E. Dudley, supplies " "	25
M. L. Bills, " "	2 75
Samuel H. Taft, " "	2 93
H. A. Aldrich, supplies for schools.....	6 80
Geo. Rawson, use of well by scholars.....	5 00
M. U. George, school books exchanged.....	69 19
	<hr/>
	\$188 42

TOWN OFFICERS' SERVICES AND EXPENSES.

L. P. Cummings, services as keeper of lockup.....	\$5 00
Geo. F. Clark, salary as Superintendent Schools 1880-1	75 00
M. C. Gaskill, assessing taxes of 1881.....	35 85
E. S. Worthen, " "	32 50
Liberty Freeman, collecting taxes of 1880.....	50 00
A. W. Judson, " " 1879.....	23 00
J. G. Metcalf, services as treasurer and cash paid.....	35 45
G. B. Williams, services as selectman.....	36 77
A. W. Gaskill, " "	18 00

H. C. Adams, services as selectman and cash paid.....	\$16 35
G. B. Williams, cash paid.....	10 23
A. W. Gaskill, ".....	5 05
	<hr/>
	\$343 20

STATE AID, PAID PENSIONERS, CHAP. 301, ACTS OF 1879.

John Curley.....	\$48 00
Abigail Mitchell.....	48 00
	<hr/>
	\$96 00

AID TO INDIGENT SOLDIERS, CHAP. 252, ACTS OF 1879.

Michael Grady.....	\$102 10
James McKenna.....	82 01
Dexter Inman.....	47 58
Frank A. Weatherhead.....	26 07
	<hr/>
	\$257 76

SUPPORT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

No. 1.

Flora Freeman-Messinger, 4 bills (one old bill).....	\$205 00
Jas. J. Nutter, fuel and fitting.....	25 00
Jas. J. Nutter, care of fires (one old bill).....	7 00
	<hr/>
	\$237 00

PRIMARY AND GRAMMAR.

No. 2.

Rosa F. George, 3 bills	\$190 00
Isabelle C. Cook, 3 bills.....	190 00
W. W. Nelson, wood	22 00
H. & E. Williams, fitting fuel.....	1 75
M. U. George, fuel and fitting same and cleaning rooms	5 50
J. Pickering, fitting fuel.....	6 00
Peter O. Gaskill, care of fires.....	6 00
	<hr/>
	\$421 25

No. 3.

Mary A. Esty, teaching	\$50 00
Geneive E. Tyler, 2 bills, teaching.....	100 00
Lowell C. Cook, fuel and fitting same.....	9 00
Geneive E. Tyler, care of fires.....	2 00
	<hr/>
	\$161 00

No. 4.

Ada L. Jennison, 3 bills, teaching.....	\$190 00
R. A. Bates, 2 bills, fuel and fitting same.....	11 80
R. A. Bates, 3 bills, care of fires.....	1 50

 \$203 30

No. 5.

Mary E. Dudley, 2 bills, teaching.....	\$100 00
Cora E. Gaskill, teaching.....	50 00
Perry Wood, fuel and fitting same.....	2 00
Lewis Wood, fuel.....	5 50
Geo. Trask, fitting fuel.....	2 50
M. L. Bills, care of fires.....	3 00

 \$163 00

No. 6.

Sarah A. Southwick, 2 bills, teaching.....	\$120 00
W. Frank Hayward, teaching.....	70 00
Christopher Daniels, fuel and fitting same.....	12 50
W. F. Hayward, care of fires.....	2 50

 \$205 00

HIGH SCHOOL.

J. A. Joy, teaching (old bill).....	\$178 75
Jno. C. Worcester.....	165 00

 \$343 75

FUEL FOR TOWN HALL AND HIGH SCHOOL.

B. F. Aldrich, wood.....	\$2 00
Jona. Pickering, sawing, &c.....	75
Barney & Son, 2 bills, coal.....	27 50

 \$30 25

CLEARING ROADS OF SNOW.

OLD BILLS.

H. P. Butler, District No. 4.....	\$3 60
S. H. Taft, " 9.....	1 50
Albert Gardner, " 13.....	1 20
Luther E. Taft, " 7.....	11 50
Elias T. Bates, " 8.....	6 07
Henry E. Staples, " 10.....	4 35

 \$28 22

SURVEYORS' EXPENDITURES CURRENT YEAR.

District No. 1.	Edward H. Taft.....	\$65 06
" 2.	David W. Bennett.....	75 68
" 3.	Erwin A. Bates, 3 bills.....	116 68
" 4.	Hiram P. Butler, 2 bills.....	92 56
" 5.	Willis Gould.....	75 00
" 6.	John C. Wood, 2 bills.....	95 77
" 7.	Luther E. Taft.....	127 85
" 8.	John R. Hayward, 2 bills.....	75 00
" 9.	Samuel H. Taft, 2 bills.....	79 77
" 10.	Henry E. Staples, 2 bills.....	70 00
" 11.	Erastus Hill, 2 bills.....	68 82
" 12.	Albert W. Gaskill, 3 bills.....	70 00
" 13.	Albert Gardner, 2 bills.....	71 17
		<hr/>
		\$1,083 36

CLEARING ROADS OF SNOW.

District No. 4.	Hiram P. Butler.....	\$8 46
" 6.	John C. Wood	19 20
" 7.	Luther E. Taft.....	41 15
" 8.	John R. Hayward.....	30 41
" 9.	Samuel H. Taft.....	15 67
" 10.	Henry E. Staples.....	20 56
" 11.	Erastus Hill.....	1 18
" 12-13.	Albert W. Gaskill.....	8 40
		<hr/>
		\$145 03

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Overseers of Poor by six town orders, drawn in their favor at different times.....	\$940 00
---	----------

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES.

Incidentals	\$843 20
Printing	105 50
Repairs of school houses and supplies.....	188 42
Town officers.....	343 20
State aid to pensioners.....	96 00
State aid to indigent soldiers.....	257 76
Support of common schools.....	1,390 55
High school.....	343 75
Fuel for town hall.....	30 25

Roads and bridges.....	\$1,256 61
Support of poor.....	940 00
	<hr/>
	\$5,795 24

The Selectmen also report that the liabilities of the town known to them are as follows :

Due town officers, estimated.....	\$180 00	
Due teachers of public schools, estimated.....	221 00	
Due surveyors on snow bills, estimated....	40 00	
Town notes outstanding.....	3,120 00	
Town bonds.....	8,400 00	
	<hr/>	\$11,961 00

The available assets so far as known are as follows :

Taxes uncollected.....	\$90 16	
Due from State, aid to pensioners.....	96 00	
“ indigent soldiers.....	128 88	
Cash in hands of treas. and on deposit....	2,605 86	
	<hr/>	\$2,920 90

Net indebtedness of town..... \$9,040 10

Respectfully submitted,

GUSTAVUS B. WILLIAMS,	}	Selectmen of Mendon.
ALBERT W. GASKILL,		
HORACE C. ADAMS,		

Mendon, Feb. 23, 1882.

Collector's Report.

LIBERTY FREEMAN, COLLECTOR FOR 1880.

Dr.

Balance uncollected February 22, 1881.....	\$192 08
Interest received.....	11 93
	<hr/>
	\$204 01

Cr.

By cash paid Treasurer.....	\$199 91	
Abatements.....	4 10	
	<hr/>	\$204 01

LIBERTY FREEMAN, COLLECTOR FOR 1881.

Dr.

Taxes committed for collection.....	\$6,770 48
Additional assessments.....	20 00
Interest received.....	45 23
	<hr/>
	\$6,835 71

Cr.

By cash paid Treasurer.....	\$6,671 51	
Abatements	74 04	
	<hr/>	\$6,745 55
Balance uncollected February 20, 1882.....		\$90 16

Overseers' Report.

The Overseers' of the Poor submit the following report for the municipal year ending March 6, 1882.

At the commencement of the year, Freeman Miles, Nathan Streeter and Elijah Penniman were receiving a full support at Michael Broughey's.

Ezra W. Allen was partially supported at the School for Idiotic and Feeble Minded Youth.

Charles H. Allen was partially supported at James M. Staples'.

Ebenezer Taft and family were partially supported.

John Lane and wife were receiving some aid.

Mrs. Carberry and her three children (having a settlement in Hopkinton) were receiving aid in this town.

Mary and Olive Hayward were receiving aid and have been since. Their guardian, Ezekiel P. Gaskill, having instructed the Overseers' to provide for them, agreeing on his part to reimburse the town. Their present guardian, Andrew W. Judson, has given like instructions.

The families of George P. Tucker and Daniel Cunningham were receiving aid at their homes in Milford.

March 15, 1881. Nathan Streeter ceased to be chargeable for the present.

March 17, 1881. The Overseers contracted with Mic'l Broughey to board and take care of all persons who may require a full support as paupers any time during the year from April 1, 1881, to April 1, 1882, for \$2 10 per week for each person so cared for. Also agreed with James M. Staples to board Charles H. Allen for the sum of forty dollars (\$40) for one year, commencing April 1, 1881.

April 1, 1881. Ebenezer Taft and family ceased to be chargeable.

April 3, 1881. Nathan Streeter became chargeable.

June 15, 1881. Lawrence Wilber went to Mr. Broughey's and has since received full support.

Oct. 6, 1881. William A. Aldrich applied for relief which was granted, and Upton, his place of settlement, notified.

Nov. 5, 1881. Nathan Streeter died at Mr. Broughey's, aged 85 years, and was buried Nov. 7th at Northbridge.

Dec. 31, 1881. Levi L. Newton, being in destitute circumstances and unable to labor on account of a severe cut in the foot, was carried to Mr. Broughey's and there supported. Shrewsbury, his legal place of settlement, was notified.

Jan. 5, 1882. George W. Brown, being in needy circumstances, applied for relief for himself and family; aid was granted. Uxbridge, his legal place of settlement, was notified.

Elkanah Clark, being in feeble health and destitute, applied to this Board for relief, which was granted. Sharon, his supposed place of settlement, was duly notified.

Jan. 26, 1882. Ebenezer Taft and wife, living in Milford but having a settlement in this town, being in needy circumstances applied to this Board for relief; aid was granted.

Feb. 9, 1882. Mrs. Amanda M. Smith, being sick and destitute, applied for relief; aid was granted. Uxbridge, her place of settlement, was duly notified.

The Overseers charge themselves with the receipt of the following named funds belonging to the town :

By balance from account of last year.....	\$7 03
To cash received on six Town Orders.....	940 00
By cash left by Nathan Streeter.....	2 06
Of Town of Shrewsbury, support of Levi L. Newton...	9 00
Upton, support Wm. A. Aldrich.....	50 15
Uxbridge, support of paupers.....	43 21
	<hr/>
	\$1,051 45

The Overseers credit themselves with the payment of the following sums :

Michael Broughey, for boarding Freeman Miles, 12 6-7 weeks, at \$2 00 per week.....	\$25 71
Michael Broughey, for boarding Freeman Miles, 39 2-7 weeks, at \$2 10 per week.....	82 50
One pair shoes.....	1 50
	<hr/>
	\$109 71
Michael Broughey, for boarding Elijah Penniman, 12 6-7 weeks, at \$2 00 per week.....	\$25 71
Michael Broughey, for boarding Elijah Penniman, 39 2-7 weeks, at \$2 10 per week.....	82 50

To paying for repairing pants and tapping shoes for Elijah Penniman.....	\$ 60
Clothing for Elijah Penniman.....	12 00
Medical attendance for Elijah Penniman.....	5 37
	<hr/>
	\$126 18
Michael Broughey, for boarding Lawrence Wilber, 28 3-7 weeks, at \$2 10 per week.....	\$59 70
Clothing for the same.....	1 95
George Rawson, to repairing shoes.....	1 25
	<hr/>
	\$62 90
Michael Broughey, for boarding Nathan Streeter, 6 weeks, at \$2 00 per week.....	\$12 00
Michael Broughey, for boarding Nathan Streeter, 30 6-7 weeks, at \$2 10 per week.....	64 80
A. W. Judson, for sexton services for the same.....	2 00
Gilbert Gaskill, for digging and filling grave for same..	2 00
E. P. Gaskill, to journey to Milford for coffin for N. Streeter	1 00
Medical attendance for Nathan Streeter.....	11 00
Rev. Geo. F. Clark, for attending funeral N. Streeter..	1 50
	<hr/>
	\$94 30
Michael Broughey, for boarding William Dwyer, 4 weeks, at \$2 00 per week.....	8 00
School for Idiotic and Feeble Minded Youth, for cloth- ing for Ezra W. Allen.....	16 63
	<hr/>
James M. Staples, for boarding Chas. H. Allen, 12 6-7 weeks, at \$1 00 per week.....	\$12 86
James M. Staples, for boarding Chas. H. Allen, from April 1, 1881, to Jan. 1, 1882.....	30 00
For clothing for the same.....	12 10
	<hr/>
	\$54 96
Ebenezer Taft, for aid for self and family:	
H. L. Patrick, for groceries.....	\$21 52
W. Chapin, meat.....	10 25
J. E. Darling, milk.....	1 64
E. P. Gaskill, paid cash.....	4 17
L. Freeman, paid cash.....	11 42
	<hr/>
	\$49 00
David Sherin, for support of Mrs. Carberry and three Children	61 65

Paid S. Jones, for goods delivered to Mary and Olive Hayward	\$62 19
L. Freeman, for goods delivered to Mary and Olive Hayward	4 84
H. L. Patrick, for oil and tobacco for Mary and Olive Hayward	60
James M. Staples, 4 cords oak wood, for Mary and Olive Hayward	18 00
W. F. Hayward, sawing and fitting oak wood for fire, for Mary and Olive Hayward	8 00
W. C. Chapin, 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. ham, for Mary and Olive Hayward	1 12
E. Gassett, meat, for Mary and Olive Hayward..	1 75
H. L. Patrick, ham, " " " ..	2 25
Shoes, for Mary and Olive Hayward	3 00
E. P. Gaskill, for labor and cash paid to Mary and Olive Hayward	9 75
	<hr/>
	\$111 50
 H. L. Patrick, for goods furnished John Lane...	16 00
W. Chapin, meat for John Lane	5 80
	<hr/>
	\$21 80
 P. Lynch, groceries for George P. Tucker	134 00
L. A. Cook, wood " "	10 50
	<hr/>
	\$144 50
 P. Lynch, groceries for Daniel Cunningham	25 00
Withington & Son, "	20 00
L. A. Cook, coal and wood "	25 75
	<hr/>
	\$70 75
 S. Jones, goods delivered to Wm. A. Aldrich....	44 02
David Adams, school books for "	6 13
	<hr/>
	\$50 15
 S. Jones, goods delivered to Elkanah Clark	5 00
 H. L. Patrick, goods for George W. Brown	7 00
A. W. Judson, burying child of Geo. W. Brown.	1 00
	<hr/>
	\$8 00

Lorraine P. Cummings, care of tramps.....	\$2 50
E. P. Gaskill, services as Overseer of the Poor, postage and stationery.....	17 00
Liberty Freeman, services as Overseer of Poor for the municipal year ending March 6, 1882.....	20 00
L. Freeman, postage and stationery.....	50
	<hr/>
	\$20 50
Gilbert Gaskill, services as Overseer of Poor for municipal year ending March 6, 1882.....	10 00

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.

By balance from account of last year.....	\$7 03
To cash received, Town Orders.....	940 00
Nathan Streeter.....	2 06
Shrewsbury.....	9 00
Upton.....	50 15
Uxbridge.....	43 21
	<hr/>
	\$1,051 45

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS.

Freeman Miles.....	\$109 71
Elijah Penniman.....	126 18
Lawrence Wilber.....	62 90
Nathan Streeter.....	94 30
William Dwyer.....	8 00
Ezra W. Allen.....	16 63
Charles H. Allen.....	54 96
Ebenezer Taft.....	49 00
Mrs. Carberry.....	61 65
Mary and Olive Hayward.....	111 50
John Lane.....	21 80
George P. Tucker.....	144 50
Daniel Cunningham.....	70 75
William A. Aldrich.....	50 15
Elkanah Clark.....	5 00
George W. Brown.....	8 00
Lorraine P. Cummings.....	2 50
E. P. Gaskill.....	17 00
Liberty Freeman.....	20 50
Gilbert Gaskill.....	10 00
	<hr/>
	\$1,045 03
Leaving a balance in hands of Overseers of.....	6 42

From the whole amount paid for the support of the poor	\$1,045 03
Deduct what was due Michael Broughey, for the support of paupers to March 7, 1881.....	\$56 28
What was due James M. Staples, March 7, 1881.....	9 43
What was due Lorraine P. Cum- mings, March 7, 1881.....	2 50
What has been paid out on account of Mary and Olive Hayward....	111 50
Received from Nathan Streeter.....	2 06
Shrewsbury.....	9 00
Upton.....	50 15
Hopkinton.....	46 80
Uxbridge \$43 21, less \$16 47 reported last year.....	26 74
Is due from Sharon.....	5 00

\$319 46

\$725 57

Add what is due Michael Broughey, by esti- mation, for support of paupers to March 6, 1882.....	\$66 90
What is due James M. Staples, for sup- port of Charles H. Allen to March 6, 1882.....	7 15
What is due Martin Thayer, by estima- tion, to March 6, 1882, for tak- ing care tramps.....	80
	<hr/>
	74 85

Cost of supporting the poor for the year ending March 6, 1882.....	\$800 42
---	----------

Respectfully submitted,

LIBERTY FREEMAN,
GILBERT GASKILL,

Overseers of the Poor.

Mendon, February 20, 1882.

Auditors' Report.

MENDON, Feb. 24, 1882.

We have this day examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Overseers of the Poor, and Collector of the Town of Mendon, and find them correctly kept and properly vouched for.

AUSTIN A. TAFT,
HENRY E. STAPLES, } Auditors.

First Annual Report of the Trustees of the Taft Public Library.

The library is in a prosperous condition, as the reports of the Librarian and Treasurer, to which attention is called, fully prove.

The town appropriation of \$200 was expended by Messrs. H. C. Adams and G. B. Williams, committee, for shelves, counter, new windows and curtains, whitewashing, papering, painting, and otherwise fitting up the Record Rooms. Mrs. Huston's gift of \$1,000 was expended for books by Rev. Geo. F. Clark and G. B. Williams, committee.

The Selectmen at the expense of the town painted the outside of the Record Building, covered the table, varnished some of the town's furniture and procured lamps for the room they use.

The sign which adorns the outside of the building was the gift of Mr. Lewis A. Boyden, of Worcester. In addition to the portrait of Rev. N. A. Staples, mentioned in the Librarian's report, there are in the larger room portraits of Mrs. S. E. Huston, and of her brother, Putnam W. Taft, the former given by Mr. Huston, the latter by Mrs. Huston.

The amount realized from the inauguration dinner, supplemented by gifts, one of \$10 from Mrs. Huston, and another of \$5 from Mrs. Hooper, of Fall River, enabled the Trustees to purchase a stamp and other needed articles, to make a concrete walk, and finish the grading of the ground before the Record Building. Various citizens had before this generously given labor sufficient to nearly complete the grading required.

A great and increasing interest in the library has been shown by our citizens. Men and women alike have given much time to various necessary work in and around the building, and to preparing and cataloguing the books. The Librarian has charged nothing for his services up to Feb. 4, 1882. His report will give but a slight idea of the extent and importance of his work, but it does show how eagerly and generally the books have been taken.

The Trustees may be pardoned for saying here that certain expressions of satisfaction with the results of their own labors have been heard from various sources, and have been very gratifying to them. Much of their work was unfamiliar, responsible and perplexing. They have given to it anxious thoughts and days, some of them weeks, of time. They expected no direct compensation, of course, but they had some hope of winning a measure of approval of their work from those who were to enjoy its fruits with them; and they gratefully acknowledge that they have received tokens of that approval much more marked than they expected, and possibly beyond their deserts.

An appropriation of one hundred and fifty dollars for the Library is now recommended.

New shelves will soon be needed. Books must be rebound, a Librarian paid, and other expenses met; while all money not otherwise required should be spent for new books. Freely we have received, let us freely give.

The Trustees congratulate the town upon the successful inauguration and working of this valuable institution.

We record our gratitude for all the generous gifts of its friends. We believe it will prove of permanent and increasing value, and we confidently appeal to our fellow citizens for its continued and liberal support.

HOMER W. DARLING, Chairman,	} Trustees of Taft Public Library.
GEO. F. CLARK, Secretary,	
SAMUEL H. TAFT, Treasurer,	
HORACE C. ADAMS,	
GUSTAVUS B. WILLIAMS,	

Mendon, Feb. 20, 1882.

Librarian's Report.

To the Trustees of The Taft Public Library :

In the performance of my duty as Librarian I submit for your consideration the following report :

The whole number of books purchased by the fund given by Mrs. Susan E. Huston, of Providence, R. I., was 895. Previous to Aug. 1st, 1881, when the catalogue was made out, 497 additional books had been given, viz. : Rev. Carlton A. Staples, 50 vols. ; Charles J. Staples, 7 vols. ; Dr. John G. Metcalf, 15 vols. ; Mrs. Nancy M. Cummings, 2 vols. ; Amos A. Lawrence, Esq., 2 vols. ; Mrs. Marie L. Bills, 23 vols. ; Mrs. Mary D. Bartlett, 18 vols. ; George F. Clark, 52 vols. ; the Mendon Book Club, 69 vols. ; and also 110 vols. of periodicals, which were bound out of part of the money donated by Mrs. Huston ; the proprietors of the Agricultural Library, 54 vols. ; the town of Mendon, 70 vols., all but two of which formerly belonged to the Second School District Library ; John Ward Dean, Salona A. Crane and the City of Worcester, 1 each. There have also been collected and put upon the library shelves 22 bound volumes (from the 22d to the 44th, inclusive, with the exception of the 41st,) of the Reports of the Board of Education, sent yearly to the school committee. Several of the previous and unbound reports are also in the library, but are not on the catalogue. The Book Club, in addition to what is stated above, have donated about 375 miscellaneous unbound periodicals, some of which are badly defaced and of not much value.

Since the catalogue was printed, 86 bound volumes have been given, namely : 1 each by the National Bureau of Education, Mrs. Sarah Metcalf, M. C. Gaskill, Alderman C. Cook, the Southbridge Public Library, the Library of the late Rev. N. A. Staples, and Mrs. S. E. Huston ; 2 vols. each by Olney Cook and A. V. G. Pond ; 3 vols. by Rev. C. A. Staples ; 6 vols. by Dr. J. G. Metcalf ; 13 vols. by Mrs. Hannah (Gaskill) Sprague ; 20 vols. by the Swedenborgian Publishing House, and 33 vols. by the American Unitarian Associa-

tion. In addition, 26 pamphlets have been received from various persons. The whole number of bound books is now 1478. Some of them need rebinding. A portion of the periodicals and the pamphlets ought to be bound so as to preserve them.

The Library opened for the delivery of books Aug. 20, 1881. The whole number of books borrowed up to the first of February (5 months and a half) was 3,587, viz.: agriculture, 99; biography, 320; history, 228; travels, 276; education, 98; poetry, 98; miscellaneous, 175; novels and stories, 2,098; periodicals, 195. A little less than 59 per cent. of those taken were works of fiction.

The average number borrowed each library day was a fraction more than 149. The smallest number taken any day was 93, and the largest number was 181. The whole number of borrowers was 329.

Agreeably to the 7th rule, the books were called in for the annual examination on the first Saturday of February, and every book was returned at that time except one, which had been badly damaged, and was promptly paid for, and has been replaced.

Fines for the detention of books beyond the specified time, amounting to \$4 20, have been collected. There is now due from H. C. Bullen for fines, 20 cents. He has been notified of the fact, but has not paid the amount.

Since the opening of the library a beautiful crayon picture of the late Rev. N. A. Staples, a native of the town, has been hung upon the walls of the room, the gift of his brother, Rev. C. A. Staples.

In conclusion, I will say that more shelf room for books will soon be needed.

GEORGE F. CLARK, Librarian.

Mendon, February 15, 1882.

Treasurer's Report.

The undersigned, Treasurer of the Trustees of the Taft Public Library, respectfully submits the following report :

The Treasurer charges himself by receiving the following sums :	
On order of Selectmen.....	\$200 00
From Mrs. Susan E. Huston.....	1,000 00
From proceeds of inauguration dinner.....	52 90
From the Librarian, for fines collected and paper and cards sold.....	5 32
<hr/>	
Making a total of.....	\$1,258 22

The Treasurer credits himself as follows :

Cash paid Chapman & Winn.....	\$160 00
" J. W. Harris.....	3 90
" T. E. Morse.....	29 75
" Fred. Swasey.....	5 00
" Wm. B. Clark.....	900 00
" "	91 63
" G. B. Williams.....	31 25
" A. S. Sampson.....	13 88
" T. E. Morse.....	4 00
" Albert W. Gaskill.....	8 50
" G. B. Williams.....	1 35
" G. F. Clark.....	1 71
<hr/>	

Making a total paid out of..... \$1,250 97

Making a balance in my hands due the Trustees of..... 7 25

SAMUEL H. TAFT.

Mendon, Feb. 20, 1882.

Examined, found correct and properly vouched for.

G. B. WILLIAMS, }
H. C. ADAMS, } Auditors.